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### LIST OF APPROVED FORESTERS

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:3-2, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), New Jersey Forest Service, maintains a list of foresters approved to annually attest that a landowner is in compliance with the woodland management plan and program. This is an additional requirement for certain woodland owners to qualify their woodlands for Farmland Assessment values.

To be included on the list an approved forester must have graduated from a four year college or university accredited by the Society of American Foresters with a major course in forest management; or from the Cook College - Rutgers University forest management option within the natural resource management curriculum; or from a graduate degree program that the DEP determines to be equivalent to the aforementioned major course work in forest management; have two years experience in preparation of woodland management plans or the implementation of forestry practices for the protection, development, marketing and utilization of forest land resources; and abide by the Society of American Foresters' Code of Ethics.

Approved Foresters are professionally trained to assist landowners to clarify their objectives and to prepare and implement forest management plans, which will achieve those objectives. Their work is provided on a fee contract basis, and their services are available to the general public.

Fees charged by a consulting forester may be based on an hourly or daily rate, acreage of the forest, or contract price based on a percentage of gross revenues from the sale of forest products. Many variables such as distance, size of tract, boundary line designation (marking), location, terrain, site, stand conditions and landowners' objectives, to name a few, are determining factors in establishing a fee. Therefore, consulting fees for management services not only can vary between consultants but also must necessarily vary from tract to tract and area to area.

Costs should be one consideration in choosing a consultant but a forester's experience, past performance record and understanding of the client's objectives are also important factors.

Compilation and distribution of this list in no way infers that the Bureau of Forest Management attempts to guarantee the professional competence or quality of performance of approved foresters beyond those requirements to be included on this list. It is provided to assist landowners in obtaining certification by an approved forester that their woodlands are in compliance with the filed woodland management plan accordance with N.J.A.C.18:15-2.7.

### **Key to Consulting Foresters' Services**

1. Timber Inventory and Appraisal
2. Forest Management Plan Preparation
3. Reforestation/Tree Planting Assistance
4. Timber Stand Improvement
5. Firewood Marketing and Management
6. Timber Sale Administration - includes marking, selling and supervising sale of timber and other forest products.
7. Forest Insect and Disease Control
8. Christmas Tree Management
9. Forest Wildlife Management
10. Forest Taxation and Finance
11. Tree Farm Inspection and Recertification (free of charge)
12. Forest Stewardship Plan Preparation

### **Key to Professional Association Membership**

ACF – Association of Consulting Foresters  
SAF – Society of American Foresters  
CF – Certified Forester  
CTE – New Jersey Certified Tree Expert  
RPF – Registered Professional Forester in Maryland  
ISA – International Society of Arboriculture

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